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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JUNE 14

1. NYT, PAGE 5 (ALSO BALTIMORE SUN) "WORLD NEWS BRIEFS"
ITEM FROM AP REPORTS MILOVAN DJILAS, YUGOSLAV DISSIDENT,
SAID THERE COULD BE NO DETENTE WITHOUT OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND HE URGED THE WEST TO CONTINUE PRESSING SOVIET
BLOC TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS DURING HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP
CONFERENCE.

2. NYT, PAGE 14, CHRISTOPHER WREN FROM MOSCOW REPORTS THE
SOVIET UNION IS GOING INTO THIS WEEK'S PREPARATORY SESSION
OF THE EAST-WEST CONFERENCE OUTWARDLY CONFIDENT THAT IT CAN
COPE WITH CRITICISM OF ITS RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE
ONLY VISIBLE NERVOUSNESS STEMS FROM UNCERTAINTY OVER WHAT
U.S. MAY INTRODUCE. MOSCOW SEEMS TO FEEL THAT WEST EURO-
PEANS CAN BE PERSUADED NOT TO JEOPARDIZE ACCOMMODATION
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WITH SOVIET BLOC BY DWELLING TOO MUCH ON RIGHTS ISSUE.
IF CRITICISM BECOMES INTENSE, THE RUSSIANS HAVE SIGNALLED,
THEY ARE READY FOR A MUD-SLINGING MATCH. SOVIET PRESS
CONTINUES TO PORTRAY THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES AS COUNTRIES
RIDDLED WITH INJUSTICE AND RIGHTLESSNESS. BUT MOSCOW HAS
ALSO INDICATED THAT IT WOULD RATHER AVOID SUCH A SHOWDOWN.

3. WP (ALSO ALL OTHER PAPERS), PAGE 4, REPORTS PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT TOTH'S DETENTION, WHICH DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IS INCONSISTENT WITH HELSINKI AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS OF JOURNALISTS AND PROMOTING A FASTER FLOW OF INFORMATION. SOME OF THESE STORIES ALSO WRAP UP MOSCOW REPORT THAT SOVIET DELEGATION IS PREPARED TO GO TO BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE OUTWARDLY CONFIDENT THAT IT COULD COPE WITH CRITICISM OF KREMLIN HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD.

4. WP (ALSO NYT), PAGE 14, LEE LESCAZE REPORTS PATRICIA DERIAN, DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS COORDINATOR, TOLD THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS RAISES CONCERN ABOUT WHETHER SOVIETS WOULD COMPLY WITH A NEW SALT AGREEMENT.

5. WP, PAGE 15, MICHAEL DOBBS FROM BELGRADE SAYS WORKERS AT BELGRADE'S LUXURY HOTEL, JUGOSLAVIJA, ARE CASHING IN ALREADY ON HELSINKI REVIEW CONFERENCE BY VOTING THEMSELVES SIZEABLE PAY INCREASES.

6. WP, PAGE 16, UPI STORY FROM BELGRADE SAYS YUGOSLAV HOSTS NERVOUSLY EXPECTING THE WORST - A FULL-SCALE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE FEARS WERE REINFORCED BY VORONTSOV COMMENT THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD "FIRMLY OBJECT" TO ANY ATTEMPTS BY WESTERN COUNTRIES TO JUDGE OTHER NATIONS ON UNCLASSIFIED

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"INDIVIDUAL POINTS" OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD.

7. BALTIMORE SUN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "RUSSIAN ALLERGY" CONCLUDES THAT WELL BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER CAME ON THE SCENE, THE HELSINKI ACCORDS ENCOURAGED THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF, THE CHARTER 77 CAMPAIGN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE PROTESTS OF POLISH INTELLECTUALS AND CHURCH LEADERS, AND THE UNREST IN EAST GERMANY. THIS IS THE REAL REASON FOR THE EXCESSIVE SOVIET REACTION TO MR. CARTER. KREMLIN FEELS THE STABILITY OF ITS SYSTEM THREATENED BY A DIPLOMATIC TRAP OF ITS OWN MAKING. SINCE IT CANNOT REJECT THE HELSINKI ACCORDS IT DID SO MUCH TO PROMOTE, IT WILL TRY TO AVOID BEING CALLED TO ACCOUNT BY THREATENING THE WHOLE DETENTE PROCESS. THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. THE ISSUE IN BELGRADE IS NOT MR. CARTER'S INVOCATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THE ISSUE IS THE REFUSAL OR INABILITY OF COMMUNIST REGIMES TO TOLERATE THE HELSINKI FREEDOMS. CHRISTOPHER

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